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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 7 November 1969

Lehman for Godfrey reported that Australian Prime Minister Gorton has been re-elected leader of the governing Liberal Party. This should assure Gorton's retention as Prime Minister for at least a few months. Lehman also noted that preliminary reports on the 7 November Moscow parade indicate that no significant new military equipment was shown.

DD/S reported on successful efforts to protect NPIC personnel and their automobiles from vandalism and harassment, which have become growing problems as a result of NPIC's proximity to an area with a very high crime rate. Fences and GSA guards have been provided for NPIC parking areas, and a bus stop has been moved to a safer location.

Carver reported on increased military activity in Vietnam and noted misleading press coverage of recent action in the Delta. He reported that Samuel Berger, Deputy U. S. Ambassador to Vietnam, will visit Headquarters at 0930 hours on 10 November and will meet the Director.

Carver reported that [redacted] has requested a series of maps for Ambassador Lodge which would display a wide range of pertinent data on the situation in Vietnam. Carver said that the request could be met but that it would involve a lot of work and that the information would quickly be out of date. The Director approved the DD/I's suggestion that Headquarters make a counterproposal and offer to provide a portion of what has been requested.

Bross reported that arrangements have been completed for the Agency visit and briefing of Lieutenant General Donald Bennett, the new Director of DIA, on 24 November. Since General Bennett knows very little about the Agency, it has been arranged for Colonel White to give General Bennett and Major General Philpott a general briefing on the Agency's organization and mission after the USIB meeting on 13 November.

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DDCI reported that General Mun, Chairman of the South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff, will visit Washington later this month at the request of General Wheeler. General Mun has indicated that he would like to meet General Cushman during the visit. The Director said that he has no objection to such a meeting.

DD/I, in response to the Director's question, said that FBIS has been instructed to issue a roundup on foreign reaction to President Nixon's Vietnam speech. The report will be disseminated to the White House and the Director's office late today.

The Director noted the Reuters report that Tilsiter Strasse in East Berlin has been named after Richard Sorge.

The Director expressed concern over unrealistic optimism in the Department and the press regarding prospects for a meaningful U. S. -Soviet agreement on the Middle East. After a brief discussion the Director concluded that the Agency should do nothing further at the moment in the way of additional publication on the problem. DD/I suggested that the Director might mention his concern to Under Secretary Richardson.

Goodwin reported on the status of plans by the Los Angeles Times for an article on the Green Beret case. There are indications that the story will be considerably shorter than was originally contemplated.

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BY COLIN MCINTYRE

EAST BERLIN, NOV. 6 (REUTERS)--SOME OF THE MOST FAMOUS NAMES IN THE SHADOWY WORLD OF SOVIET ESPIONAGE GATHERED ON A BLEAK EAST BERLIN STREET TODAY TO HONOR WARTIME MASTER SPY RICHARD SORGE.

TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF A BRASS BAND AND THE APPLAUSE FROM ASSEMBLED SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN TROOPS, TISLSITER STREET IN THE FRIEDRICHSHAIN DISTRICT WAS RENAMED RICHARD SORGE STREET IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE AGENT.

SORGE, WORKING AS THE TOKYO CORRESPONDENT FOR THE LEADING GERMAN NEWSPAPER FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG, TRANSMITTED FROM JAPAN BETWEEN 1933 AND 1941 A MASS OF VALUABLE INFORMATION TO RUSSIA. HE WAS ARRESTED IN TOKYO IN 1941 AND EXECUTED IN 1943.

PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY THURSDAY WAS COL. RUDOLF ABEL, WHO HEADED AN ESPIONAGE NETWORK IN THE UNITED STATES FROM 1948 UNTIL HIS ARREST IN 1957.

SENTENCED BY AN AMERICAN COURT TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON, HE WAS EXCHANGED IN 1962, FOR FRANCIS GARY POWERS, PILOT OF THE U.S. U-2 SPY PLANE WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1960 NEAR SVERDLOVSK, RUSSIA.

ALSO PRESENT WERE MAX CHRISTIANSEN-CLAUSEN, RADIO OPERATOR FOR SORGES NETWORK BASED IN SHANGHAI, CHINA, AND HIS FINNISH-BORN WIFE ANNA, WHO BECAME THE GROUPS COURIER.

SORGE, A GERMAN BORN IN RUSSIA TO A GERMAN FATHER AND RUSSIAN MOTHER, WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE TRANSMITTED ADVANCE INFORMATION ON HITLERS INVASION OF RUSSIA, ON JAPANS DECISION NOT TO ATTACK RUSSIA IN 1941 AND THE NEAR CERTAINTY OF WAR AGAINST AMERICA IN OCTOBER, 1941.

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SORGE, A HARD-DRINKING, NERVELESS PROFESSIONAL WITH A FONDNESS FOR JAPANESE MISTRESSES, JOINED THE NAZI PARTY IN TOKYO AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR IN EUROPE. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INVITED TO EDIT THE GERMAN EMBASSY BULLETIN AND USED HIS POSITION AS A CLOSE CONFIDENT OF THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO BETRAY BOTH JAPAN AND HIS FATHERS COUNTRY.

HIS INFORMATION PASSED TO MOSCOW REVEALING THAT JAPAN DID NOT PLAN TO ATTACK RUSSIA IS BELIEVED IN MANY QUARTERS TO HAVE SAVED THE SOVIET STATE. IT RELEASED THOUSANDS OF RUSSIAN TROOPS COMMITTED TO THE DEFENSE OF ITS EASTERN AREAS TO FIGHT AGAINST THE GERMANS ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

SORGES NAME CAME BEFORE THE WORLD IN 1965 WHEN RUSSIA, WHICH UNTIL THEN HAD STEADFASTLY DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF HIS ESPIONAGE FEATS, BESTOWED POSTHUMOUS DECORATIONS ON HIM.

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